GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:459
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2002
SATELLITE PHONE THROUGH INSAT - 3C
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether INSAT-3C Satellite is fully operational for satellite phone scheme;

(b) if so, the details of facilities available through the satellite; and

(c) the time by which the satellite phone will be made available to the public?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 459 FOR 24TH APRIL, 2002 REGARDING SATELLITE PHONE THROUGH INSAT-3C.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. While the INSAT-3C is operational the Satellite Phone Scheme is under testing through Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) transponder.

INSAT-3C carries 24 C-band, 6 upper Ext-C band, 2 S-band Broadcast Satellite Service (BSS) Transponders and one S-band Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) Transponder, Very High Resolution Radiometer (VHRR) & charged Coupled Device (CDD) Camera.

(c) The INSAT system is already being used by DOT/BSNL to provide telephone connectivity to remote areas in the country. INSAT-3C satellite augments the INSAT capacity in C, Ext-C and S- bands As MSS transponder is undergoing testing it will take sometime before Satellite Telephone service could be offered.